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23 February 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Duckett

SUBJECT : DDP Comment on Long-Range Planning

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1. [ ] called today to say that [ ] had spent a good bit of time with [ ] going over the informal prognosis that I distributed to the various directorates about a month ago. DDP plans to respond shortly, and Dick quickly ran through a number of items which I suspect may be raised, such as:

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a. Why does the amount of R&D for Processing and Production increase so rapidly, and why shouldn't some of this money go into equipment for collection?

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b. Considering the complexity of problems facing the [ ] in collection, shouldn't Collection R&D have more emphasis?

c. The expansion of R&D to support communications in the area of agent equipment is good, but how would it be used?

d. The amount of funds planned for imagery appear low. Greater emphasis could be given to document copy and facsimile, and especially, possible applications of IR and attendant video transmission work.

e. DDP had understood earlier that beyond 1970 the Vehicles and Accessories budget would taper off to a value below 6.5 million, which is lower than what is shown on the plan.

f. What gives rise to the increased forecast for COMSEC R&D, and what is the relationship of this work to NSA (Doesn't NSA have prime responsibility)?

g. Although covert action activity may be reduced, the 30% reduction in funds for covert action may not be appropriate since the R&D is related primarily to counterinsurgency uses, and the need for more sophisticated equipment such as trail watcher gear could be foreseen.

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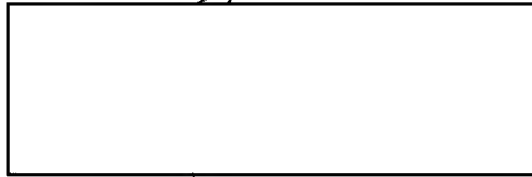
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2. I told Dick that I was delighted that [redacted] had taken the time and shown the interest and that I was sure that his discussions with [redacted] had indeed provided considerable insight into how he might feel about the relationship of these various R&D program items.

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3. When we see what his memo looks like, it might be worthwhile to consider some readjustment of these numbers. In any event, it is a good step in the right direction.



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